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40. (Amended) A method for preparing a fermented beverage including a beer from a beer wort, said method comprising a preparing step including the step of adding pectin E 440 in a predetermined proportion in order to inhibit coagulation and precipitation of proteins so as to obtain at least one of a persistent irreversible haze which remains at a temperature of 15°C and of a reversible haze which remains at a temperature below 12°C and disappears at 15°C, said persistent irreversible haze and said reversible haze each having respective predetermined characteristics in terms of intensity and persistence over time in the event of storage.

43. (Amended) A method according to claim 40, further comprising adding said pectin in a proportion of between 10 mg/l and 1000 mg/l.

44. (Amended) A method according to claim 43, wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 50 mg/l and 500 mg/l.

45. (Amended) A method according to claim 43, wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion on the order of from 100 mg/l to 300 mg/l.

46. (Amended) A method according to claim 40, further comprising adding said pectin in a proportion of between 5 mg/l and 2000 mg/l of wort or of beer.

48. (Amended) A method according to claim 40, further comprising adding said pectin in a nature and a quantity and under conditions which create beer particles having a mean diameter of 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

49. (Amended) Fermented beverage including a beer prepared from a beer wort, characterized in that said beverage is prepared using the method according to claim 40.

50. (Amended) A method for preparing a fermented beverage including a beer from a beer wort, said method comprising a preparing step including a step of adding pectin in sufficient amount during said preparing step to maintain a

52. (Amended) A method according to claim 50 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 10 mg/l and 1000 mg/l.

53. (Amended) A method according to claim 50 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 50 mg/l and 500 mg/l.

54. (Amended) A method according to claim 50 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 100 mg/l to 300 mg/l.

55. (Amended) A method according to claim 50 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 5 mg/l and 2000 mg/l of wort or of beer.

56. (Amended) A method for preparing a fermented beverage including a beer from a beer wort, said method comprising a preparing step including a step of adding pectin in sufficient amount during said preparing step to maintain a reversible haze during the beer making and in the finished

58. (Amended) A method according to claim 56 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 10 mg/l and 1000 mg/l.

59. (Amended) A method according to claim 56 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 50 mg/l and 500 mg/l.

60. (Amended) A method according to claim 56 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 100 mg/l to 300 mg/l.

61. (Amended) A method according to claim 56 wherein said adding step comprises adding said pectin in a proportion of between 5 mg/l and 2000 mg/l of wort or of beer.